

## **UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD POLICY #08-02**

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### **Water Use Restriction Policy**

During periods of severe drought many communities in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area have found it necessary to impose mandatory water use restrictions. While the water supply systems serving the area have undertaken major expansions, continued population growth and development will always make water use restriction planning necessary.

Past experience has demonstrated the need for a coordinated, consistent water use restriction plan. It is obvious that a substantial number of residents, as well as members of the media, are unaware which system supplies their drinking water. There also is a surprising amount of confusion concerning simple geography.

Therefore the following, four-tiered, uniform water use restriction policy has been recommended for use by all jurisdictions within the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area:

1. Odd-Even Lawn Sprinkling.

Addresses ending in an odd number will be allowed to sprinkle any time on odd numbered dates; even numbered addresses may sprinkle any time on even numbered dates.

2. Odd-Even Sprinkling – Midnight to Noon

Same as above except all permitted sprinkling activity must occur between the hours of midnight and noon. All sprinkling, regardless of address, will be prohibited from noon to midnight.

3. Total Ban on Sprinkling

4. Total ban on sprinkling and non-essential use of water such as:

- a. non-commercial car washes
- b. hosing off drives and walks

*Effective date of this policy: UAB Approval February 21, 2008*